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URBAN STUDIES PROGRAMS



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UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

The Urban Studies major provides the opportunity for students to explore scholarship on cities, suburban communities, and metropolitan regions with an interdisciplinary lens. Coursework in the major is drawn from the affiliated areas of African and African Diaspora Studies, Architecture, Criminal Justice, Educational Policy & Community Studies, Geography, History, Public and Nonprofit Administration, Political Science, Public Health, Sociology and Urban Planning, in addition to Urban Studies. Although interdisciplinary, the discipline of Urban Studies encompasses a distinct body of knowledge, one that combines both theoretical and applied approaches to understand urban processes. The major is designed to be flexible to allow the student to develop a strong foundation from the core courses and then build a set of elective courses that address particular urban histories and problems from different disciplines, depending on student interest and future goals.

Undergraduate Major in Urban Studies (L&S/BA); To Learn more about the major in urban studies or the accelerated urban studies BA - urban planning MUP program, contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Jamie Harris (jmh@uwm.edu), or complete the major declaration online at:

<https://uwm.edu/urban-studies/undergraduate/undergraduate-major/declare-your-major/>

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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Coursework from at least two L&S departments, no more than 9 credits in one department outside Urban Studies.
2. Minimum of 30 credits; 18 credits must be in L&S, of which 15 credits must be 300 or above; A student wishing to major in Urban Studies must complete 30 credits in approved Urban Studies or urban-related courses that include:

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Core Course, 3 credits:

URB STD 150*: Multicultural America
(offered every other fall semester & includes a service-learning component). (URB STD 150 is an online course in Summer and/or Winter/M without the service-learning component.)

Introductory Survey of Urban Studies, 3 credits:

(lower and upper levels)

URB STD 250: Exploring the Urban Environment
OR

URB STD 360*: Perspectives and the Urban Scene
[Any Topic]

(Both courses offered fall/spring semesters)

Theory Course, 3 Credits:

URBSTD 377 Urbanism and Urbanization

Capstone Course, 3 Credits:

URB STD 600: Capstone Seminar in Urban Studies

(NOTE: this course satisfies the research requirement & is offered spring semesters)

Statistics Course, 3 Credits:

SOCIOL 261*, GEOG 247, POL SCI 390, HIST 595*, or an approved equivalent course (at least one course offered each semester)

15 Credits

PLUS 15 credits of course electives from:

- African and African Diaspora Studies
 - Architecture
 - Criminal Justice
- Educational Policy & Community Studies
 - Geography
 - History
 - Political Science
- Public & Nonprofit Administration
 - Public Health
 - Sociology
- Urban Planning
- Urban Studies
- In addition to other departments

See list of approved courses on the next page.

Interested? Need more Information?

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URBAN STUDIES - MAJOR & CERTIFICATE ELECTIVES

15 credits selected from the following courses (No more than nine credits from the same department outside of urban studies may apply to the 30 or 31 credit minimum in the major)

African and African Diaspora Studies

- 125: Economics of Black Communities
- 300: Urban Violence (SS)
- 319: African American Urban History (SS)
- 341: Black Politics and City Government (SS)
- 416: Race and Social Justice in the United States
- 417: Race, Injustice and Change in America

Anthropology

- 431: Cities and Culture

Architecture

- 190: Special Topic: Buildings-Landscapes- Cultures Field School
- 302: Architecture and Human Behavior
- 304: Contemporary Criticism and Urbanism

Art History

- 425: The Age of Pilgrimage and Crusades: Romanesque Art and Architecture (HU)
- 426: The Age of the Great Cathedrals: Gothic Art and Architecture (HU)
- 431: Renaissance Architecture in Italy (HU)

- 459: American Architecture (HU)
- 462: Frank Lloyd Wright (HU)

Business Administration

- 441: Diversity in Organizations

Criminal Justice

- 291: Current Issues in Criminal Justice
- 310: Race, Ethnicity, and Justice

Educational Policy

- 111: Intro to Community Change & Engagement
- 113: The Milwaukee Community (SS)
- 114: Community Problems
- 203: Communities and Neighborhoods in America
- 630: Race and Public Policy in Urban America

Geography

- 114: Geography of Race
- 140: Our Urban Environment: Introduction to Urban Geography (SS)
- 215: Introduction to Geographic Information Sciences* (SS)
- 441: Geography of Cities and Metropolitan Areas*
- 443: Cities of the World: Comparative Urban Geography (SS)
- 464: Environmental Problems

- 520: Physical Geography of the City (NS)
- 525: Geographic Information Science
- 540: Globalization of the City (SS)
- 564: Urban Environmental Change and Social Justice (SS)
- 625: Intermediate Geographic Information Science

History

- 192: Freshman Seminar: "The Burbs: History of American Suburbs" (HU)
- 200: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues (SS)
- 303: History of Greek Civilization: The Greek City-State (HU)
- 308: A History of Rome: The Empire (HU)
- 404: Topics in American History: Big City Life Viewed Through HBO's Wire* & Tale of Two Cities Milwaukee LA
- 436: Immigrant American Since 1880 (HU)
- 440: History of American Working Class (SS)
- 446: African Americans Since the Civil War
- 450: Growth of Metropolitan Milwaukee (HU)
- 460: History of Poverty (SS)
- 463: History of American City (HU)

Political Science

- 213: Urban Government and Politics (SS)
- 243: Public Administration
- 450: Urban Political Problems (SS)
- 452: Administrative Law (SS)

Public and Nonprofit Administration

- 243: Public Administration
- 452: Administrative Law (SS)

Social Work

- 306: Introduction to Social Welfare Policy
- 630: Families and Poverty

Sociology

- 224: Race and Ethnicity in the United States
- 235: Social Change in Global Economy
- 323: Perspective on Latino Communities (SS)
- 324: Comparative Race Relations (SS)
- 325: Social Change (SS)
- 330: Economy and Society
- 350: Environmental Sociology (SS)

Theatre

- 305: The Theatrical Experience: (Topic) Out and About in Milwaukee

Urban Planning

All Urban Planning Courses

Urban Studies

All Urban Studies Courses

URBAN STUDIES PROGRAMS CERTIFICATE

The Urban Studies Certificate Program provides the undergraduate student with a coordinated set of courses. These courses focus on urban issues and policy alternatives examined from a variety of humanistic, social scientific, and professional perspectives. Particular emphasis is placed on the impact of gender, racial and ethnic diversity within the context of urban policy choices and delivery. This certificate will be of particular interest to those students considering careers of graduate work in urban areas and as a supplement to majors in the arts and sciences or professions.

18 Credits (12 In Letters & Science; 6 SS, 6 HU; [9 credits 300 and above, 6 Credits in L&S]); Urban Studies 250 or 360 - Required
All Urban Planning Courses Count Toward Certificate (6 Cred Max.)

Take Urban Studies – Related Courses in

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| -African & African Diaspora Studies | -Geography |
| -Anthropology | -History |
| -Architecture | -Political Science |
| -Art History | -Public & Nonprofit Administration |
| -Business Administration | -Social Work |
| -Criminal Justice | -Theatre |
| -Educational Policy/Community Studies | -Urban Planning |
| | -Urban Studies |

WINTERIM 2024 COURSE OFFERINGS

URB STD 150 Multicultural America

(No Service-Learning Requirement for Summer/WinterIM)

LEC 201 Jamie Harris ONLINE

(Course fulfills cultural diversity requirement for degree and SS GER credit)

Urban Studies 150 is an interdisciplinary course that explores the intersection of race and urban development. This course is open to anyone and does NOT assume any prior knowledge of the field. In this course we will examine how city-building and suburbanization are linked to race, ethnicity, immigration, class, and other social attributes by drawing on a variety of case studies from several disciplines in the social sciences, humanities, and professional fields of urban planning and architecture. We will also consider the ways different groups and organizations have used urban space to construct community identities and foster movements for social change to address injustices.

SPRING 2024 COURSE OFFERINGS

URB STD 250 Exploring the Urban Environment

LEC 001

Sana Avar

TR 1:00 - 2:15 PM

This course examines the various dimensions of urban environments, exploring their physical, social, economic, and environmental aspects, and provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the urban environment, focusing on the principles and dynamics that shape cities. Through a multidisciplinary approach, students will gain insights into the planning and design considerations necessary for creating sustainable and livable urban spaces and explore the physical, social, economic, and environmental aspects of urban spaces. The course will spark curiosity about the spaces and places present within the urban, as we look to understand their morphology and how they impact our way of life, including daily routine, behavior, spending, and relationships. We will consider why individuals and families are drawn to a range of urban environments, tied to relational networks, employment, mobility, and affordability. By the end of the course, students should be able to analyze and critically assess urban environments. The course incorporates perspectives and knowledge from various disciplines, including architecture, urban planning, urban design, history, and others to expose students to a range of contexts, societies, landscapes, perspectives, and variables that impact urban environments and life.

URB STD 360* Perspectives on the Urban Scene:

LEC 202

Xiaohan Gu

ONLINE

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10:00 - 11:15 AM

(Course will meet fully Online. Students will be expected to attend virtual class meetings at the time stated in schedule of classes, as well as complete activities in a self-paced manner.)

TOPIC: Green Cities: Urban Agriculture, Sustainability and Environmental Justice

Urbanization, with a pace that is growing ever faster, prompts both opportunities and challenges to satisfy the needs of the ballooning urban population. While this may boost technological innovations, economic growth, as well as more efficient and integrated lifestyles; the fast-paced urbanization leads to predicaments when our

urban lifestyles counter resilient environmental stewardship and worsen social equity. Thus, sustainable development, by its very definition, brings hope to the establishment of a thriving and just urban environment, and a remedy to the dire ecological damages and deterioration caused by human beings. Before desperately embracing sustainability as the panacea-like guidelines to treat the current conditions for humanity, we need to understand the complexity of sustainable development; the challenges and the dynamics at play to establish a sustainable city and transform it into a greener one, and to evaluate sustainable strategic urban plans. This course, therefore, offers the opportunity to review and understand sustainable development through academic readings, book chapters, and case studies, with the integration of the ReFresh Milwaukee Plan (City of Milwaukee Sustainability Plan 2013-2023). Theories and practices are presented during the course to explain the complicated relationships between components of sustainable development and urban society through a focus on concepts, policy, justice, production, consumption, infrastructure, transportation, technology, and urban change. The purpose of the course is to support the establishment of critical and analytical thinking of urbanization and sustainability. Urban sustainability, through the observations and topics of the course, may reveal itself as problematic, contradictory, and sometimes seemingly unachievable, but it is nevertheless important for presenting our disagreement of existing urban development and our hopes for the creation of a more resilient and just city.

URB STD 450/450G Urban Growth & Development:

A Global View

LEC 001

Jamie Harris

R 2:30 - 3:45 PM

(fulfills part of International Course Requirement)

(Students completing the accelerated Urban Studies BA-Urban Planning MUP take 450G for graduate credit their junior year which will require a manual course add form).

Urbanization is advancing at an unprecedented rate around the planet with most of that growth occurring in the “developing” Global South, often in informal settlements. More than 1 billion people now reside in urban slums, and many megacities will be approaching populations of 30 million over the next decade. Rapid urbanization, and the “shadow cities” that accompany this kind of development can have broad implications for urban poverty and inequality, migration and global security, and the

impacts from climate change. Cities offer numerous opportunities and advantages to rural settlement in terms of employment, education, and health outcomes. Yet, rapid urbanization can short circuit the benefits that come from urban living when a lack of decent housing, sanitation, safety, and access to schools and health care are all too common. And here we'll consider what constitutes the center or 'mainstream' of urban life, and what counts as the periphery or 'margins' of the city and how these questions relate to deeply embedded power structures at different scales and their historical socio-spatial patterns of growth and development. We'll also consider how urban life is a site of conflict and contestation that is continually shaping and reshaping the urban form as part of that struggle. Thus, we will look at the role of urban social movements for providing alternative visions of the city and what might be possible for its urban inhabitants; in some cases, local campaigns and movements realizing important goals, in other cases, falling far short. Similarly, with respect to environmental policies and sustainable development, cities, and the density they afford, can allow for critical energy and pollution management efficiencies. And across the globe there is a significant "greening" of cities. Yet there are also inherent tensions, contradictions, and paradoxes within these otherwise positive development trends that we'll explore in this course and use to understand life in an urbanizing world.

This interdisciplinary, hybrid course—building off of a number of case studies and readings from a variety of sources—will examine the nature of urban growth and development across several regions and countries from around the globe, with particular attention given to several thematic areas such as urbanization (both rapid growth and shrinking cities); climate change adaptation and resilience; urban social movements; global cities; urban informality and DIY urbanism; urban governance and planning; and urban sustainability and design.

ADDITIONAL MAJOR & CERTIFICATE SPRING 2024 COURSES

AFRIC 125* Economics of the Black Community

LEC 201

Abera Gelan

ONLINE

A survey of key economic principles, and elements that structure economic behavior in the black community.

AFRIC 300 Urban Violence

LEC 001

Robert Baker.

MW 10:00 - 11:15 AM

Analysis of the nature, causes, and consequences of urban violence; the possibilities and limits of violence in promoting the good of blacks will be scrutinized.

AFRIC 319* African American Urban History

LEC 201

Ermite Saint Jacques ONLINE

Examination of the social and cultural transformation of Black urban communities, including social relations, political expression, economic organization, and cultural production, through the effects of government policies, economic trends, and institutional racism.

ARCH 302 Architecture and Human Behavior

LEC 001

Arijit Sen

TR 9:30 - 10:20 AM

DIS 601

Anya Vanecek

T 10:30 - 11:20 AM

DIS 602

Dilruba Ferdous Shuvra

T 10:30 - 11:20 AM

DIS 603

Bernard Apeku

R 10:30 - 11:20 AM

DIS 604

Dilruba Ferdous Shuvra

R 10:30 - 11:20 AM

DIS 605

Anya Vanecek

R 10:30 - 11:20 AM

Introduction to behavioral, social and cultural factors and their implications for the design and planning of the built environment.

ARTHIST 426* The Age of Great Cathedrals: Gothic Art and Architecture

LEC 201

Richard Leson

ONLINE

Gothic art and architecture from its origins in the Ile-de-France through the High Gothic cathedrals to the European-wide diffusion of the Rayonnant style.

BUS ADM 441* Diversity in Organizations

LEC 203

Belle Ragins

R 2:30 - 5:10 PM

Conceptual and experiential understanding of cultural values and practices among diverse groups in organizations. Addresses institutional and personal discrimination, stereotyping, and prejudice. Prerequisites: junior standing and admis to Bus Adm major; or non-Business major with 2.5 GPA; or consent of instructor.

CRM JST 310* Race, Ethnicity, and Justice

LEC 201 Kimberly Hassell ONLINE

Issues of race and ethnicity in the criminal justice system. Emphasis on research examining social construction of race and ethnicity.

ED POL 111 Intro to Community Change & Engagement

LEC 001 Staff W 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Basic concepts and strategies for community change and engagement.

ED POL 113 The Milwaukee Community

LEC 001 Florence Johnson MW 10:00 - 11:15 AM

An overview of communities and neighborhood groups in Milwaukee. This course includes an extended field trip to different sites in Milwaukee. The \$15 course fee pays for transportation. Students who cannot fit the field trip for their section into their schedule will have the option of going on the trip for a different section.

ED POL 114* Community Issues, Policies, and Solutions

LEC 201 Javier Tapia ONLINE

This course will examine how social problems impact upon communities and neighborhoods, how they are defined, and how these definitions influence social policies and programs.

ED POL 630* Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy in Urban America

LEC 201 Staff R 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Students will construct a survey of their neighborhoods, examine theories of community structure, and analyze neighborhood improvement movements.

GEOG 215* Introduction to Geographic Information Science

LEC 201 Zengwang Xu. ONLINE

LAB 901 Staff ONLINE

LAB 902 Staff ONLINE

LAB 903 Staff ONLINE

LEC 402	Staff	TR 10:30 – 11:20 AM
LAB 801	Staff	T 11:30 - 1:20 PM
LAB 802	Staff	T 2:30 – 4:20 PM

Geographic objects, their representation and analysis. Topics include special nature of spatial data; concepts of space, mapping, spatial relationships; and use of geographic information systems.

GEOG 443* Cities of the World: Comparative Urban Geography

LEC 201	Hyejin Yoon	ONLINE
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Geographic analysis of world urban systems with emphasis on the cultural traditions, form, function and socio-economic development of cities.

GEOG 464 Environmental Problems

LEC 001	Ryan Holifield	TR 2:30 - 3:45 PM
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General discussion and case studies of geographical contexts and historical roots of modern environmental problems. History of human concern over adverse environmental impacts.

GEOG 525* Geographic Information Science

LEC 201	Zengwang Xu	ONLINE
LAB 901	Staff	ONLINE
LAB 902	Staff	ONLINE

Geographic and information theoretical foundations of geographic information science (GIS). Use of macro languages in a software project to expand GIS functionality. 3 hrs lec, 2 hrs lab. **Prerequisite Enforcement:** Geog 215(P) & Junior or above; or Special Student (including School Special, Post-Baccalaureate, Certificate, Univ Specials, 2nd Degree). Not open to graduate students.

HIST 307 A History of Rome: The Empire

LEC 001	Andrew Larsen	MW 2:30 - 3:45 PM
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Roman history from the beginnings of the Roman state to the death of Julius Caesar.

HIST 463 History of the American City

LEC 001 Amanda I Seligman TR 10:00 - 11:15 AM

Character of American urbanization and its social and political consequences; responses to 'urban problems' from the early nineteenth century to the present.

POL SCI 243* Public Administration

LEC 202 Mark Swartz TR 10:00 - 11:15 AM

The means used to implement political values with emphasis on problems of administration in modern government.

POL SCI 452* Administrative Law

LEC 201 Erin Olsen ONLINE

An examination of due process, privacy, and other constitutional and legal issues as they arise in the regulatory, investigatory, and enforcement activities of administrative agencies.

SOC WRK 306 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy

LEC 001 Staff MW 11:30 - 12:45 PM

LEC 002 Staff W 5:30 - 8:10 PM

An analysis of the relationships between poverty, welfare programs, and the society which creates and sustains them; the origins, structures, and goals of welfare programs.

SOCIOL 224* Race and Ethnicity in the United States

LEC 201 Esther Chan ONLINE

Examines racial and ethnic relations in the U.S. in historical and contemporary contexts. Addresses racial inequality and American institutions (such as education, employment, healthcare, criminal justice, housing, and the environment).

SOCIOL 324* Race and Ethnicity in Global Context

LEC 201 Marcus Britton ONLINE

Analysis of racial and ethnic relations in historical and cross-cultural perspective. Origin, persistence, adaptation, and change in patterns of racial and ethnic relations in various world societies.

URBPLAN 141 Urban Planning Solutions to Contemporary Urban Problems

LEC 002	Kirk Harris	TR 12:30 - 1:20 PM
DIS 601	Ava Gagner	T 11:30 - 12:20 PM
DIS 602	Deja Taylor	R 11:30 - 12:20 PM
DIS 603	Ava Gagner	T 1:30 - 2:20 PM
DIS 604	Deja Taylor	T 1:30 - 2:20 PM

Professional role of urban planners in addressing social and economic justice considerations, including fair housing, economic opportunity, and health and environmental disparities.

URBPLAN 315* Great Cities of the World: Their Growth and Guided Urbanization

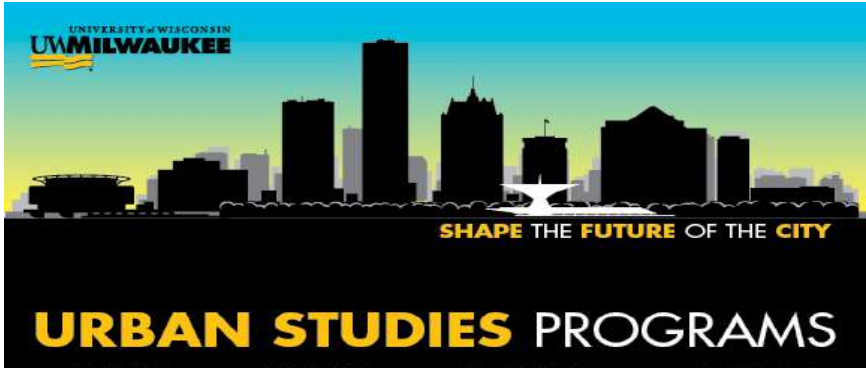
LEC 201	Larry Kilmer	T 5:30 - 6:45 PM
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Great cities of the world, how they were built and developed. Culture, politics and economics, their role in urban planning and the built form.

URBPLAN 692 Special Topics in Urban Planning: Race, Class and the Just City

LEC 103	Kirk Harris	R 2:30 - 5:10 PM
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This seminar and practicum course will have students explore from an urban planning perspective the intricate array of issues contributing to inequality in urban communities. The course will have students reflect on their own developing awareness and/or experiences related to race and class issues. The course will work to equip students with useful strategies, tools and resources that will support the development of the student's equity-building practices. The course will also help students cultivate and construct their own social justice framework that they can use to advance and evaluate their actions as aspiring future progressive planning practitioners and progressive community development professionals seeking to promote racial and economic justice in cities. Finally, the course will offer students an opportunity for applied practice through group projects.



UPCOMING EVENTS

URBAN STUDIES PROGRAMS' FALL SEMESTER LECTURE

“CLIMATE JUSTICE IN THE CITY”

DR. JENNIFER RICE
PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

BOLTON HALL B60 - 4:30 - 5:30 PM

26TH ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

ZELAZO CENTER ROOM 250

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC